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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 10/526,461

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Art Unit: 1655

For: METHOD AND PROBE FOR IDENTIFYING
BACTERIAL VIRULENCE MODIFYING
AGENTS, AGENTS THUS IDENTIFIED,
AND THEIR USE

Examiner: B. Shen

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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* not less than 20

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

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